

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on Sustaining Global Commitments: Implications for U.S. Forces, 11 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, to continue hearings entitled “The Financial Collapse of HealthSouth,” 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled “Reforming Insurance Regulation—Making the Marketplace More Competitive for Consumers,” 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit and the Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, joint hearing entitled “Protecting Homeowners: Preventing Abusive Lending While Preserving Access to Credit,” 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, hearing on the Case for a Social Investment Fund for the Americas, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 521, Steel Industry National Historic Site Act; H.R. 1798, Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage

Area Act; and H.R. 2693, Marine Mammal Protection Act Amendments of 2003, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Environment, Technology, and Standards, hearing on “Mercury Emissions: State of the Science and Technology”, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing on H.R. 3245, Commercial Space Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, hearing on Building Capabilities: The Intelligence Community’s National Security Requirements for Diversity of Languages, Skills, and Ethnic and Cultural Understanding, 2212 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Conference: meeting of conferees on H.R. 2754, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, 11 a.m., HC-5, Capitol.

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings relating to rethinking the tax code, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, November 5

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: After the transaction of routine morning business (not to extend beyond 10:30 a.m.) Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 2673, Agriculture Appropriations Act. Also, Senate will continue consideration of S. 1753, National Consumer Credit Reporting System Improvement Act, with a vote on final passage to occur thereon; and begin consideration of H.R. 1828, Syria Accountability and Lebanese Sovereign Restoration Act.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, November 5

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of suspensions:

(1) H.R. 3349, to authorize salary adjustments for Justices and judges of the United States for fiscal year 2004;

(2) H.R. 3214, Advancing Justice Through DNA Technology Act of 2003;

(3) H.R. 3348, to reauthorize the ban on undetectable firearms; and

(4) H. Res. 425, recognizing and honoring the firefighters and other public servants who responded to the October, 2003, historically devastating, outbreak of wildfires in Southern California.

Consideration of postponed suspension: H.R. 2660, Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2003.

Consideration of H.R. 2443, Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2003 (open rule, one hour of debate).

Consideration of H.R. 1829, Federal Prison Industries Competition in Contracting Act of 2003 (open rule, one hour of debate).

Consideration of H.J. Res. 76, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2004 (closed rule, one hour of debate).

Consideration of the conference report on H.R. 2559, Military Construction Appropriations Act of 2004 (rule waives all points of order).

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